

BEFORE THE SEATTLE ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of)	No. 18-1-1116-4
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DAVID SOULE)	CHARGING DOCUMENT
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Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code (“SMC”) §§ 4.16.090.F and 3.70.100.D, and Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission Administrative Rule 3.H, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Executive Director of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission has reasonable cause to believe that Mr. David Soule has committed a material violation of the Seattle Ethics Code. The Executive Director sets a hearing in this matter for September 9, 2019 at 4:00 in Suite 4080 of the Seattle Municipal Tower and hereby charges as follows:

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Mr. Soule violated SMC 4.16.070.B.1 and B.2 when, as an employee of the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), he used his official position for a purpose that was or would appear to a reasonable person to be, primarily for his private benefit rather than primarily for the benefit of the City and did use or attempt to use city property for a purpose which is, or to a reasonable person would appear to be, for other than a City purpose.

In support of this charge, the Executive Director further states:

1. Soule is employed by SDOT in the street use division, where he is a street use inspector. In his official capacity as a City employee, he has use of a SDOT parking access card for taking City vehicles in and out of city of Seattle parking lots for official use.
2. The access cards are to be used for a city purpose only. Use of the access cards for one’s personal vehicle is prohibited.

3. Soule during the period from September 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018 used his SDOT parking access card on at least 25 occasions for his personal use. He used it to park his personal vehicle.
4. Parking in the City garages costs between \$20 and \$28 for a full day. By using his access card, he avoided the \$20 to \$28 fee, saving himself between \$500 and \$700 over that two-month period.

This notice is hereby given on this 16th day of August, 2019.



Wayne Barnett, Executive Director